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**TITLE: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING A PRINT JOB
AMONG A PROCESSOR, AN IMAGE PRODUCING DEVICE, AND
AN EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a Continuation Application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/137,394.

Claim Summary:

Claims originally present: 1-23.
Claims previously canceled: none.
Claims previously amended: none.
Claims previously added: none.
Claims hereby canceled: 2, 9, 16-18.
Claims hereby amended: 1, 4-6, 8 and 15.
Claims hereby being added: 24.
Claims remaining: 1(amended), 3, 4-6(amended), 7, 8(amended), 10-14,
15(amended), 19-23, and 24(new).

1 Amendment "A"

2 Amendments to the Specification

3 Please amend the specification being filed herewith as follows:

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5 1) At page 1 line 1, please delete the title, "Print Job Storage" and replace it with the
6 following new title:

7 METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING A PRINT JOB
8 AMONG A PROCESSOR, AN IMAGE PRODUCING DEVICE, AND
9 AN EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE
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11 2) At page 1 line 2 please insert the following new paragraph:

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13 - CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

14 This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
15 10/137,394, filed May 3, 2002.- -
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18 3) Please delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 3-6 and replace it with the following:

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20 Reference is made to Hewlett Packard application no. 10017582-1 (U.S.
21 Patent Application Serial No. 10/137395) entitled "PRINTING SYSTEM UTILIZING
22 EXTERNAL STORAGE" by Samuel Lester and Jimmy Sfaelos (a different inventive
23 entity) which is assigned to the assignee of the present invention and was filed ~~as of~~
24 ~~the same date as the present application~~ with the U.S Patent and Trademark Office
25 on May 3, 2002.--

(End of amendments to the specification.)